(b) if so, whether there is a proposal under active consideration of the Union Government to set up another committee to investigate the matter properly; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what were the main reasons to set up Mukherjee Commission to investigate into the facts, after a lapse of 50 years from Shah Nawaz Committee; and

(d) whether some facts are there which Government do not want to make public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Union Government.

(c) As per notification dated 14.5.1999 of the Government of India, the Mukherjee Commission was set up for the following reasons :—

(i) Removal of the widespread feeling among the public that the issue of finding the truth about Netaji's death still remained.

(ii) Consistent demand for a further inquiry into the matter.

(iii) Hon'ble Kolkata High Court's directions to the Government of India for a vigorous inquiry in accordance with law, if necessary, by appointing a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of giving an end to this controversy.

(iv) Adoption of a Motion on 24.12.1998 by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly demanding a fresh inquiry into the matter to remove the mystery regarding the whereabouts of Netaji.

(v) Causing an in-depth inquiry into a definite matter of public importance.

(d) No, Sir.

Talks in J&K

922. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI T.S. BAJWA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a committee/working group to hold

talks with political parties in J&K on the issue of autonomy and to take ahead dialogue process; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the recommendations so far submitted to Government; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Prime Minister during the Second Round Table Conference on Jammu and Kashmir held at Srinagar on May 24-25, 2006, suggested the creation of five Working Groups comprising members from amongst those present at the conference or those nominated by parties and groups. The composition of these groups is to be decided by the State Government in consultation with all parties and groups concerned.

These Working Groups are expected to deliberate and make recommendations on issues, namely (i) Confidence building measures across segments of society in the State, (ii) Strengthening relations across the Line of Control, (iii) Economic development, (iv) Ensuring good governance, and (v) Strengthening relations between the State and the Centre. These groups are allowed to co-opt experts, if they so desire. As reported by the State Government, the following eminent persons have accepted the invitation of Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir to head the Working Group mentioned against each:

1. Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari: Confidence building measures across segments of society in the State
2. Shri M. K. Rasgotra: Strengthening relations across the Line of Control
3. Dr. C. Rangarajan: Economic Development
4. Shri N.C. Saxena: Ensuring Good Governance

The State Government has since constituted the Working Group on "Confidence building measures across segments of society in the State". All 17 members of this Group are from the State of Jammu and Kashmir and they represent various mainstream political parties, regions and ethnic groups in the State.

(b) and (c) The Working Groups are yet to make any recommendation.